

Manhattan Bridge  
Spanning East River at Flatbush Ave.  
New York, New York  
Kings and New York Counties

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MANHATTAN BRIDGE  
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DATE: 1909

LOCATION: Spanning East River at Flatbush Avenue  
New York, New York

DESIGNED BY: Gustav Lindenthal, with approaches by  
Carrere and Hastings

OWNER: New York Department of Public Works

SPECIFICATIONS: Suspension bridge; total length, 6,855 feet; center  
span 1,470 feet; cables 21 1/4 inches is diameter;  
cost, \$2.6 million; steel towers

SIGNIFICANCE: This single span suspension bridge contains one of the  
longest suspension spans in the U.S., and had the  
largest carrying capacity in the country when it was  
built. It is unusual in that it was designed as a  
dual-level bridge; carrying street-cars on the upper  
level and subway tracks on the lower, with roadways in  
the center of each level. The approaches to the bridge  
were designed by Carrere and Hastings, and incorporated  
allegorical figures of Manhattan and Brooklyn by Daniel  
Chester French, which have since been removed to the  
Brooklyn Museum.

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